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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows. Claims not amended are reiterated for the Examiner's convenience.

IN THE CLAIMS:

10. (Amended) A vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence which encodes a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of [Afc1p, Rce1p,] SEQ ID NO:3 and SEQ ID NO:4 and [conservatively modified variations] conservative substitutions thereof, wherein the nucleic acid is operably linked to a promoter.
11. (Amended) The vector of claim 10, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of the sequences of SEQ ID NO:1 and SEQ ID NO:2 and conservatively modified variations thereof.

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